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INTRODUCTION

The C. E. Kord Animal Disease Laboratory is the State of Tennessee's veterinary diagnostic laboratory. It is funded by legislative appropriation and fee revenue, and operates within the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Regulatory Services. Free diagnostic services are provided to livestock and poultry producers except for a small fee charged for equine infectious anemia serology. Modest fees are also charged for companion animal diagnostic services.

The operational philosophy of the laboratory is to work through the local veterinary practitioner, who is best able to evaluate the client-producer's problems and recommend appropriate actions. The mission of the laboratory is to provide accurate and timely diagnostic services to the practitioner who serves livestock and poultry producers as well as owners of companion animals in Tennessee. We strongly recommend that case material be submitted by or at the direction of a practicing veterinarian, although owners may submit cases directly. Results of examinations, analyses, and tests will be returned to the practitioner for his consideration in formulating a diagnosis and recommending action to his client. Upon request by the practicing veterinarian, staff pathologists are available for field consultation when the magnitude of the problem indicates such. Some test results necessarily have to be routed through the State Veterinarian because of regulatory requirements.

If at any time there is a question regarding a capability, please call ahead to be assured of that service and its submission requirements. We also appreciate your comments regarding the laboratory.

We especially invite veterinarians or their technicians to spend a day in the laboratory meeting the staff and observing methods used in various diagnostic procedures. This helps us understand your problems related to laboratory use and helps you in preparing submissions so that the most useful information may be obtained from a submission. We welcome you to set up an appointment for a day of laboratory observation. Time spent at the laboratory may qualify as continuing education, which is required for license renewal.

GUIDELINES OF OPERATION

I. General

- A. Laboratory hours are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Central Time. Holidays are observed for New Years, Martin Luther King's birthday, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving and the following day, and Christmas. Animals sent at any time other than operational hours may not be able to gain access to the center. After hours submissions must be coordinated through Ellington Agricultural Center Security and the laboratory staff. (837-5401)
- B. Fees (subject to change)

1. Equine Infectious Anemia

\$5.00/Test

2. Companion Animals

a.* Diagnostic Fee (Intact Animal - Includes \$5.00 Incineration Fee)

\$15.00/Case

b.* Diagnostic Fee (Tissues)

\$10.00/Case

c. Toxicology Fee

\$10.00/Case

d. Serology

\$5.00/Test

Examples:

FeLV + Toxoplasmosis + Hemobartonella = \$15.00

Canine Distemper [Serology + Conjunctival Smear (FA)] = \$10.00

Histoplasmosis + Blastomycosis = \$10.00

e. Swab (Bacterial or Viral Isolation)

\$5.00/Test

- C. All submissions should be accompanied by an appropriate submission form. The form <u>must</u> be filled out <u>entirely</u>.
- D. Animals should not be brought to the laboratory on an outpatient basis for collection of specimens.
- E. Reports
 - 1. A telephone report will be given on any significant laboratory findings as they become available or if the result requires an explanation by a veterinary diagnostician. Please provide a legibly written telephone number, including the area code, when requesting a telephone report.
 - 2. A written report will be issued to the referring veterinarian upon completion of the case unless results are transmitted via telephone facsimile, in which case, the faxed copy serves as the written report.

 Copies of the owner's written report are sent to the owner if the owner delivered the tissues and/or animal directly to the laboratory or the submission is from a farm animal species and the owner's complete address is present on the submission form.
- F. Please report any changes of address or phone number to the laboratory at this number: (615) 837-5125.
- G. Veterinarians utilizing laboratory services may choose to send payment with submitted specimens or establish a charge account with the laboratory. Accumulated charges will be billed to the clinic on a monthly basis.

^{*}Diagnostic fee includes complete evaluation except toxicology (includes histopathology, virology, and bacteriology).

APPROACH TO DIAGNOSIS

The diagnostic laboratory depends on the referring veterinarian to submit quality samples which will provide optimal opportunity for the diagnosis of disease. Often we receive tissues to diagnose a specific disease entity when there are a number of other possibilities which may require additional tissues. Other times we receive tissues from animals that do not represent the disease situation. An organized, objective, and thorough approach is required to obtain the proper diagnosis. Listed below are steps to follow which aid in diagnosis.

- A. Obtain a good history; make careful and thorough clinical observations.
- B. Categorize the problem as to organs or organ systems that may be involved.
- C. Using the information obtained, form a broad list of possible diagnoses and rule out as many as possible.
- D. Narrow your list of possible diagnoses by additional clinical observations or "in house" laboratory procedures.
- E. Submit the history, clinical, and necropsy findings along with the proper tissues for diagnosing any one of the diseases listed in your differential. Follow the guidelines given on the following pages to determine which tissues are needed.
- F. If the condition is complex, or does not present a clear clinical picture, submit a broad assortment of tissues, including sections of major organs and grossly visible lesions.

ABORTIONS

- A. Diagnosis of the cause of abortion is difficult and complex.
- B. Submit multiple fetuses and placentas to increase the probability of diagnosis.
- C. Send the entire fetus and placenta to the laboratory. (Placenta is essential to diagnose some causes of abortion).
- D. Rinse the fetus and placenta with clean tap water and place them in a plastic bag. Force the air out of the bag before sealing it.
- E. Refrigerate the fetus until you are ready to ship. Ship with ice packs in an insulated container (ice chests are ideal containers).
- F. Collect and submit the first of paired serum samples from the suspected aborting animal. The second serum sample should be collected and submitted in 2-3 weeks.
- G. If a toxic condition is suspected, submit samples of the aborting animal's feed and water.
- H. If the fetus and placenta cannot be shipped, submit the following:
 - 1. FRESH TISSUE FOR BACTERIAL CULTURE, VIROLOGY, AND DIRECT EXAMINATION Stomach contents, placenta, liver, lung, spleen, kidney, and brain.
 - 2. HISTOPATHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION Placenta, Lung, tongue (tip), liver, heart, adrenal, kidney, thymus, and brain.
 - 3. NITRATE
 - Eye or aqueous humor.

BACTERIOLOGY SUBMISSIONS

AEROBIC SPECIMENS FROM NECROPSIED ANIMALS

- 1. Collect all specimens as aseptically as possible. Liberal portions of each organ should be collected. If the outside of the specimen is accidentally contaminated, wash the specimen with clean tap water.
- 2. **Refrigerate** (wet ice packs) all specimens to prevent saprophytic overgrowth.
- 3. Collect observable lesions or suspected target organs.
- 4. For neonatal diarrhea, submit a tied off 4-5 cm segment of jejunum, ileum, and colon with the accompanying lymph nodes for culture of pathogenic bacteria.
- 5. Tissue specimens should be placed in <u>individual</u> leak-proof plastic bags and identified (use water-proof ink on bags).

MASTITIS MILK SPECIMENS

- 1. Wash udder to remove dirt and allow to dry.
- 2. Scrub teat end with alcohol soaked cotton and let it dry.
- 3. Samples should be collected in a sterile container immediately prior to regular milking without discarding any streams of milk (since the foremilk usually contains the greatest number of the infecting micro-organisms).

SWAB SUBMISSIONS

Collect samples aseptically and submit in a commercial transport media.

ANAEROBIC AND MICROAEROPHILIC SPECIMENS

Note: The success of culture for anaerobic and microaerophilic organisms is heavily dependent on sample selection and shipment.

- 1. Sample should be taken from a living animal or a fresh carcass.
- 2. Specimens should be submitted in a transport media that <u>limits or excludes air from the sample</u>. Use a commercial anaerobic transport media swab.

MYCOLOGY

COLLECTION AND CARE OF SPECIMENS

- 1. Submit skin scrapings from the outer edges of a lesion and submit plucked (not cut) hairs.
- 2. Skin, hair, and nails should be shipped to the laboratory without refrigeration.
- 3. Submit internal organs or internal lesions suspected of fungal infection.
- 4. Internal specimens should be sent refrigerated (wet ice packs) and <u>not frozen</u>. Use whirl-paks and insulate.

RESULTS

Fungal isolations normally take longer than bacterial isolations; therefore, a tentative report may be made by the laboratory upon completion of direct microscopic examination of the specimen.

USER'S GUIDE TO THE ANIMAL MICROBIOLOGY UNIT

The Animal Microbiology Unit of the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory provides cultural examinations for a wide variety of diseases. Some of the most common are listed below.

Abortion Screen	Fetus, placenta, fetal stomach contents, uterine contents, (includes culture ID for Trichomonas, Campylobacter, and Brucella)
bacterium, Cryptosporidia)	Feces, mucosal scrapings
	Fresh chilled tissue, urine, exudate, transtracheal wash
Anaerobic Culture	Fresh tissue, anaerobic culturettes, exudate
	Performed on isolates recovered from specimens. Please request on accession form that you would like this test done.
Blood Culture	Blood submitted in blood culture bottle
Brucella abortus Culture	Fetal tissues, placenta, milk, lymph nodes
	Fetus, testicle, placenta, uncoagulated blood in a blood culture bottle, lymph nodes, vaginal discharge, milk, semen
Calf Scours	Feces or affected intestine
Campylobacter (Vibrio) Culture (bovine)	Preputial wash, cervical mucus
Campylobacteriosis	Affected intestine
Candida	Lesion, milk
Dermatomycosis	Lesion, hair, scales
Dermatophilosis	Hair and scabs (please submit a good size sample)
Diarrhea/enteritis	Feces, affected intestine
Listeriosis	Cerebellum, pons, medulla, fetus, uterine secretions
Lumpy Jaw (Actinomyces)	Exudate, lesion, sulfur granules
	Milk submitted in whirl-paks or sterile tubes. Please notify the laboratory in advance if submitting more than 40 samples at a time.
Mycoplasma	Fresh chilled tissue, transtracheal wash, swab (may require 10-14 days for completion).
•	Feces, affected intestine, regional lymph nodes
Pinkeye (Moraxella bovis)	Culturette of affected eye. Sometimes difficult to isolate from normal flora.
Pneumonia	Lung (Please indicate if Mycoplasma, Hemophilus, or Rhodococcus is suspected.)
Salmonella	10 grams feces, feed, water, environmental samples
Streptococcus equi (Strangles)	Exudate from non-draining lesion
Trichomonas culture	Preputial wash, vaginal fluid, or submit in a Trichomonas InPouch®

CLINICAL PATHOLOGY

This laboratory offers cytologic and peripheral blood smear examinations. However, we **do <u>not</u> do clinical chemistries**. These can best be accomplished by commercial or hospital laboratories.

I. Cytology

Cytologic aspirates are safe, easy, and often valuable. However, cytology does have its limitations. Material collected may not always represent the ongoing process. For example, large quantities of blood in an aspirate may represent part of the pathologic process or be due to the aspiration procedure. Insufficient cellular material in an aspirate may result when working with fibrous tissue such as fibrosarcomas. The quality of the sample strongly influences the diagnostic potential of cytology. Therefore, close attention must be made to slide preparation and handling. Ideally, preparations should be thin enough to visualize individual cells but cellularity must be sufficient for diagnosis. Cells should be handled gently to prevent destruction. Because fresh cells make the best preparation, slides should be prepared promptly.

A. Fine Needle Aspiration

- 1. Use a 25 gauge needle with 10-12 cc syringe and precleaned slides.
- 2. Make several vigorous aspirates from mass.
- 3. In order to avoid rupturing of cells, release suction pressure before removing the needle from mass. Often the specimen will be contained only in the hub of the needle.
- 4. After withdrawing the needle from the mass, remove the needle from the syringe. Then, fill the syringe with air, replace needle and use aspirated air to force cellular material onto slide.
- 5. Make a "squash" or "pull-apart" smear by covering the material on the slide with another slide, squashing the material on the slide with digital pressure and then pulling the slides apart. This must be done quickly as cytologic material often clots rapidly.
- 6. Please sent 3-4 unstained, air dried smears.

Note:

Lymph node aspirates must be handled gently. Lymphocytes are frequently damaged if shear force is applied to them. This is especially true in the case of malignant lymphoblasts. Slides should be squashed together by digital pressure and pulled apart vertically rather than horizontally to avoid shear force.

B. Imprints

Imprints can be made from solid tissue. A fresh surface should be blotted to remove the majority of surface blood. Several imprints per slide should be made. Material should not be smeared.

C. Scrapings

Tissues of a fibrous nature are best sampled by scraping. A fresh surface is cut and then scraped using a clean scalpel or razor blade. The material is then gently spread across the slide.

D. Body fluids and washes

Slides from turbid fluid samples can be made in the same manner as peripheral blood slides. Clear or slightly turbid fluids should be centrifuged and the sediment spread on slides.

<u>Smears must be made promptly after each collection</u>. Cellular degeneration will be evident within 2 - 3 hours after collection.

E. Evaluation for blood parasites

Submit 2 unstained, air dried blood smears.

F. Only slides prepared at the time of collection will be examined. Do not submit only fluids or blood for microscopic evaluation.

II. Parasitology

A. Evaluation for fecal parasites and protozoa such as cryptosporidia. Make sure enough intestinal content or feces is present in wet form (i.e. 3 - 4 grams).

Collection procedures can be reviewed in:

- 1. Rebar, A.H. (1978). Collection Techniques in Veterinary Cytology. In: *Handbook of Veterinary Cytology*. Pub. Ralston Purina Company, St. Louis, Missouri.
- 2. Crowell, R.L. and Tyler, R.D. Cutaneous and Subcutaneous Lesions: Masses, Cysts, Ulcers and Fistulous Tracts. In: *Diagnostic Cytology of the Dog and Cat.* Pub. American Veterinary Publication, Inc., Goleta, California.

PATHOLOGY SERVICES HISTOPATHOLOGY

COLLECTION AND CARE OF SPECIMENS

- 1. The fresher the tissues at the time of fixation, the easier it is to interpret tissue sections and the more accurate the results.
- 2. Accuracy of the diagnosis is directly proportional to the <u>collector's ability</u> to select the specimen that represents the lesion or disease process. Poor selection can result in inaccurate interpretation.
- 3. Specimens should include grossly observable lesions with a small amount of normal tissue to allow identification of the organ containing the lesion.
- 4. Tissue specimens should include the surface and all anatomical features; for example, specimens of the kidney must include cortex, medulla, and pelvis.
- 5. The entire brain should be removed and cut longitudinally on the midline into two equal portions; 1/2 should be submitted in 10% BNF for histopathology and 1/2 submitted fresh for other test procedures, as indicated. (Gross examination by an experienced pathologist is often necessary to locate focal lesions for further sectioning random samples often miss important lesions.)
- 6. Specimens (except the brain) should be 1/2 cm to 1 cm thick. Specimens that are too thin cannot be properly trimmed for sectioning and those that are too thick decompose before they are fixed. (Formalin will penetrate approximately 3 mm on each side per day.)
- 7. Fixation must begin as soon as possible after a carcass is opened or a surgical specimen is procured.
- 8. Ten (10) parts of fixative should be used to fix one (1) part of tissue.
- 9. Neutral buffered formalin is recommended for most tissues. The formula is 900 cc of water, 100 cc 40% formaldehyde, and 5 gm calcium carbonate.
- 10. Intestinal specimens requiring critical examination of villi (i.e. rotavirus and coronavirus infection) require special handling. The preferred method is to tie off approximately 3 cm long segments of bowel and gently fill the segments with 10% neutral buffered formalin, using a needle and hypodermic syringe.
- 11. <u>Skin</u> and <u>uterine</u> biopsy specimens should be placed on a piece of <u>tongue</u> <u>depressor</u> or smooth cardboard. (The subcutis or cut surface should be in contact with the wood or cardboard.)
- 12. The mouth of specimen containers should be wide enough to allow the tissue to drop into the bottle without touching the sides of the opening. Unfixed tissue can be easily forced into a jar that has an opening too narrow to allow removal following fixation without breaking the container.

SHIPMENT

- 1. Use wide mouth plastic or non-breakable bottles or vials with **leak-proof lids**.
- 2. Help improve our efficiency and turn-around-time. Avoid taping containers shut; it does not prevent leakage. (Refer to attached postal guidelines).
- 3. Pack the specimens with adequate padding to prevent breakage.
- 4. Avoid cramming large quantities of tissue into a small container.
- 5. Submit tissue in 10:1 ratio of fixative to tissue or fix the tissue and then transfer it to a smaller container with less formalin for shipment.

SUBMISSION FORM

- 1. Provide the requested information on the form.
- 2. Brief, concise, complete histories are required and aid in providing diagnoses and pertinent advice.
- 3. Please use black ink and write or print legibly.
- 4. List the tissues submitted, also the number of tumors. This will help insure that all submitted specimens are identified and examined.

NECROPSY SUBMISSION STANDARDS

Live animals should be in the acute stage of the disease.

Dead animals should be cooled as soon as possible after death.

- 1. Large animals should be thoroughly hosed down with cold water.
- 2. Birds, rabbits, and other fur bearing animals should be soaked in cold, soapy water, placed in a plastic bag, and refrigerated.

NOTE: Do not place animals in a plastic bag without prior cooling.

U. S. Postal Mailing and Packaging Requirements for Etiologic Biological Laboratory Specimens to the Tennessee Department of Agriculture

All etiologic and biologic specimens sent to the Department of Agriculture through the U. S. Mail must be properly packaged so the contents will not leak during shipment. Reference Domestic Mail Manual, CO23.10.0-10.7.

• The specimen must be packaged in a securely sealed watertight primary container (test tube, vial, etc.) which is then placed in a watertight, secondary plastic container with a tightly sealed closure that cannot open during shipment.

CAUTION: Do Not Use Sealable Food Bags

- The specimen container and the secondary container must then be placed in a sturdy cardboard box protected with additional absorbent packing material.
- Attach Clinical Specimen/Biological Products Biohazard Label
- Etiologic agents and Biohazard Materials must be sent by first-class Mail, Priority Mail, or Express Mail.

SEROLOGY

- A. <u>DON'T'S</u> in submission of serum samples and tissue specimens. Experience in the past has shown the following problems associated with shipping serum samples or tissue specimens to the laboratory (in order of decreasing occurrence):
 - 1. Bacterial contamination.
 - 2. Serum not separated from clots.
 - 3. Chemical (detergent, disinfectants, etc.) contamination of serum causing toxicity to tissue culture or otherwise adversely affecting desired tests.
 - 4. Hemolysis.
 - 5. Insufficient quantity.
 - 6. Overheating or freezing of blood before serum extraction.
 - 7. Leaky stoppers.
 - 8. Broken containers.
 - 9. Improper labeling.
 - 10. Rotten tissue specimens.
- B. **<u>DO'S</u>** in submission of serum samples and tissue specimens:

The following requirements will help prevent the above listed problems from occurring.

- 1. Serum
 - a) Collect blood aseptically into a sterile dry tube, refrigerate immediately, allow to clot, centrifuge, and transfer serum aseptically into a second tube.
 - b) Serum must be fresh, clear, unhemolyzed, and uncontaminated.
 - c) Red top Vacutainers [®], B-D, or other non-EDTA/heparin sterile commercially available tubes are ideal.
- 2. Label each tube (not stopper) with **tube number** and **vet code**. Be careful that writing will be legible upon arrival (use an indelible marker). Identify specimen in a way that will avoid confusion when results are reported. Avoid using animal names. Keep your own log of sample numbers to avoid duplication and confusion. Put small tubes in a box or tape to large cardboard so they will not be lost in the packing.
- 3. Serum is preferred to be separated, by centrifugation, from clotted blood prior to submission for testing. Do not let whole blood freeze or expose to direct sunlight or high temperature before decanting serum.
- 4. Submit at least 1.0 ml of serum for each test requested. Refrigerate the serum until shipment.
- 5. Tissues should be collected aseptically and placed individually in well-labeled whirl-pak bags. Place individual whirl-pak bag into a single air tight container and refrigerate immediately.
- 6. Swab samples should be kept in appropriate transport media and shipped in an insulated container with ice packs.
- 7. Refrigerated samples should be shipped with sufficient cool-pak bags and padding. Ship samples in a leak proof insulated container or in sturdy mailing carton which complies with postal or commercial carrier specifications (Page 10). Submit samples early in the week to avoid holding over the weekend by the carrier.
- 8. A complete and legible form(s), (including a complete history), must accompany all serologic submissions. Be certain to indicate vaccination history. "All and Current" is not an appropriate vaccination history.
- 9. Diagnostic serology samples must be submitted independently from program serology. EXAMPLE: Serum for Lepto, IBR, BVD testing must be submitted separately from serum for "Bangs" serology.
- 10. All regulatory charts must include the submitting veterinarian's signature, vet code, and animal identification.
- 11. Flock check serology should be based upon a sample size of 20-30 samples per flock. National Poultry Improve Plan (NPIP) testing may require larger number of samples.

- 12. This laboratory is officially certified to perform complement fixation test for anaplasmosis, agar gel immunodiffusion test for bluetongue, bovine leukosis, and equine infectious anemia (the Coggins test for EIA), pseudorabies serology, and hog cholera fluorescent antibody testing.
- 13. Equine Infectious Anemia serology (Coggins test) requires at least two (2) ml of clear, fresh, unhemolyzed serum and takes up to 24 hours to complete. Each tube of serum submitted should be identified with **vet code** and the **tube number** corresponding to the tube number on the submission form. A **mane tag** is to be affixed to each horse tested and **tag number** recorded on the submission form. EIA results will be available after 8:30 A.M. the work day following the receiving of serum sample. If additional tests other than EIA are requested, please, submit two samples. The submission form must be completely and correctly completed and signed by the submitting veterinarian. **The lab cannot make any changes or fill in any missing information.** All forms not properly completed will be returned for completion.
- 14. Exports:

The submitting veterinarian is responsible for informing the laboratory of any special requirements (i.e., dilutions, type of test). If this information is not supplied, a delay on the required test result could happen.

For information on test regulations, call:

Federal - USDA, APHIS, VS, Veterinarian in Charge - (615)781-5310

State - Office of the State Veterinarian - (615) 837-5120

The samples must be received 10 to 14 working days before the animals are scheduled to leave for the destination.

- 15. When calling for results, the laboratory must have the submitting veterinarian's name, the owner's name, the animal's name or ID, the sample number or ID, submitting date and bleeding date exactly as provided on the submission form.
- 16. Advance notice (7-10 days ahead) should be given (and will be greatly appreciated) when submitting a large number of samples.
- 17. For serodiagnosis in the individual animal, paired sera are recommended to test for specific antibody: the first sample taken when the animal is initially examined (acute phase serum) and the second sample 2-4 weeks later (convalescent phase serum). A rise in antibody titer between the paired samples is a basis for a specific serologic diagnosis for a particular disease. The paired serum samples should be submitted together in order to obtain a better understanding of the diagnostic significance of titers as they relate to the clinic status of the animal.
- 18. If only a single serum sample can be obtained, it must be taken from a convalescent animal. An acutely ill animal is virtually devoid of antibody against the particular disease-causing agent.
- 19. If only acutely ill animals are present, swabs or tissues for isolation or culture of the causative agent should also be submitted.

Key to abbreviations for Serology Test Chart:

AGID - Agar gel Immunodiffusion

CA - Card Agglutination

CF - Complement Fixation

ELISA - Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent Assay

FA - Fluorescent Antibody (Direct)

HI - Hemagglutination Inhibition

IFA - Indirect Fluorescent Antibody

IHA - Indirect Hemagglutination

LA - Latex Agglutination

NVSL - National Veterinary Services Laboratory

PCR - Polymerase Chain Reaction

TA - Tube Agglutination

SEROLOGY TEST CHART

TEST	SPECIMEN	SHIPPING CONDITION	TYPE OF TEST	DAYS SET UP	LAB TIME	SPECIAL COMMENTS
Avian						
Avian Influenza	Serum	Refrigerated	AGID	M,Tu,W,F	48 hours	Requires at least 1 ml of serum
Chlamydia	Spleen, liver, lung, air sac, conjunctival swab	Refrigerated	FA	M-F	2 hours	
Mycoplasma gallisepticum	Serum	Refrigerated	ELISA, HI	Tu, Th	48 hours	Requires at least 1 ml of serum.
	Trachea swab	Refrigerated	PCR	Special request required.	36-48 hours	Submit in appropriate transport media.
Mycoplasma synoviae	Serum	Refrigerated	ELISA,HI	Tu, Th	48 hours	Requires at least 1 ml of serum
	Trachea Swab	Refrigerated	PCR	Special request required.	36-48 hours	Submit in appropriate transport media.
Canine						
Anti-nuclear Antibody	Serum	Refrigerated	IFA	M-F	3 hours	IgG, IgM determination. Samples run at 1:10, 1:50, 1:250 dilutions. Same day result if sample is received by noon.
Blastomycosis	Serum	Refrigerated	AGID	M-F	24 hours	
Brucella canis	Serum	Refrigerated	CA	M-F	30 mins.	Samples are screened by the card test. Positives will not be reported until confirmed by the tube test.
		Refrigerated	TA	M,Tu,W,F	48 hours	Samples run at 1:50, 1:100, 1:200 dilutions. Titers: 1:50 - Suspicious ≥1:100 - Positive
Calicivirus	Serum	Refrigerated	IFA	M-F	3 hours	IgG, IgM determination. Samples run at 1:10, 1:50, 1:250 dilutions. Same day result if sample is received by noon.
Coronavirus	Small intestine	Refrigerated	FA	M-F	2 hours	Same day result if sample is received by noon.
	Serum	Refrigerated	IFA	M-F	3 hours	IgG, IgM determination. Samples run at 1:10, 1:50, 1:250 dilutions. Same day result if sample is received by noon.
Cryptococcus	Serum	Refrigerated	LA	M-F	30 mins.	

		SHIPPING	TYPE OF	DAYS	LAB	
TEST	SPECIMEN	CONDITION	TEST	SET UP	TIME	SPECIAL COMMENTS
Distemper Virus	Lung, kidney, spleen, urinary bladder, brain, stomach, liver, blood smear	Refrigerated	FA	M-F	2 hours	Same day result if sample is received by noon.
	Serum	Refrigerated	IFA	M-F	3 hours	IgG, IgM determination. Samples run at 1:10, 1:50, 1:250 dilutions. Same day result if sample is received by noon.
Ehrlichia canis	Serum	Refrigerated	IFA	M-F	3 hours	Sample is tested at 1:20 dilution. Same day result if sample is received by noon.
Herpesvirus	Lung, liver, kidney, spleen, lymph node	Refrigerated	FA	M-F	2 hours	Same day result if sample is received by noon.
	Serum	Refrigerated	IFA	M-F	3 hours	IgG, IgM determination. Samples run at 1:10, 1:50, 1:250 dilutions. Same day result if sample is received by noon.
Histoplasmosis	Serum	Refrigerated	AGID	M-F	24 hours	
Infectious Canine Hepatitis	Serum	Refrigerated	IFA	M-F	3 hours	IgG, IgM determination. Samples run at 1:10, 1:50, 1:250 dilutions. Same day result if sample is received by noon.
Neospora caninum	Brain, lung, liver, kidney, muscle, skin	Refrigerated	FA	M-F	2 hours	Same day result if sample is received by noon.
	Serum	Refrigerated	IFA	M-F	3 hours	Tested at 1:25. Same day result if sample is received by noon.
Parvovirus	Intestine (jejunum, ileum), spleen, mesenteric lymph node	Refrigerated	FA	M-F	2 hours	Same day result if sample is received by noon.
	Serum	Refrigerated	IFA	M-F	3 hours	IgG, IgM determination. Samples run at 1:10, 1:50, 1:250 dilutions. Same day result if sample is received by noon.
Equine						
Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA)	Serum	Refrigerated	AGID	M-F	24 hours	Complete EIA form (VS Form 10-11) with submitting veterinarian's signature is required.

TEST	SPECIMEN	SHIPPING CONDITION	TYPE OF TEST	DAYS SET UP	LAB TIME	SPECIAL COMMENTS
Equine Influenza	Lung, nasal swab	Refrigerated	FA	M-F	2 hours	Same day result if sample is received by noon.
	Serum	Refrigerated	IFA	M-F	3 hours	Samples run at 1:10, 1:50, 1:250 dilutions. Same day result if sample is received by noon.
Equine Rhinopneumonitis Virus (ERV)	Lung, liver, spleen, fetal tissues	Refrigerated	FA	M-F	2 hours	Same day result if sample is received by noon.
	Serum	Refrigerated	SN	Tu,W,Th,F	4-5 days	Titers begin at 1:4.
Potomac Horse Fever	Serum	Refrigerated	IFA	M-F	3 hours	Samples run at 1:20, 1:40, 1:80, 1:160 dilutions. Same day result if sample is received by noon.
<u>Feline</u>						
Chlamydia	Conjunctival smear, nasal swab, lung	Refrigerated	FA	M-F	2 hours	Same day result if sample is received by noon.
Feline Calicivirus	Serum	Refrigerated	IFA	M-F	3 hours	Samples are tested for IgG titers at 1:10, 1:50, 1:250 dilutions. Same day result if sample is received by noon.
Feline Herpesvirus	Nasal swab, conjunctival swab, tonsil, trachea, lung	Refrigerated	FA	M-F	2 hours	Same day result if sample is received by noon.
	Serum	Refrigerated	IFA	M-F	3 hours	Sample are tested for IgG titers at 1:10, 1:50, 1:250 dilutions. Same day result if sample is received by noon.
Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV)	Serum	Refrigerated	IFA	M-F	3 hours	Sample is tested at 1:25 dilution.
Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP)	Affected tissues (liver, spleen, lymph nodes)	Refrigerated	FA	M-F	2 hours	Same day result if sample is received by noon.
	Serum, pleural or peritoneal fluid	Refrigerated	IFA	M-F	3 hours	Sample is tested at 1:5000 dilution. Same day result if sample is received by noon.

TEST	SPECIMEN	SHIPPING CONDITION	TYPE OF TEST	DAYS SET UP	LAB TIME	SPECIAL COMMENTS
Feline Leukemia	Blood smears	Slide mailers	IFA	M-F	3 hours	Submit at least 2 smears. Thick smears are not acceptable. Do not use old or used slides. Same day result if sample is received by noon.
	Serum	Refrigerated	IFA	M-F	3 hours	Sample is tested at 1:25 dilution.
Panleukopenia	Small intestine, lymph node, spleen, aborted fetus	Refrigerated	FA	M-F	2 hours	Same day result if sample is received by noon.
	Serum	Refrigerated	IFA	M-F	3 hours	Samples are tested for IgG titers at 1:10, 1:50, 1:250 dilutions. Same day result if sample is received by noon.
Toxoplasmosis	Serum	Refrigerated	IHA	M-F	3 hours	Positive titer $\geq 1:64$. Same day result if sample is received by noon.
<u>Porcine</u>						
E.coli Pilus	Small intestine, feces	Refrigerated	IFA	M-F	3 hours	Test for K88, K99, P987 serotypes. Same day result if sample is received by noon.
Hemagglutinating Encephalomyelitis Virus	Brain	Refrigerated	FA	M-F	2 hours	Same day result if sample is received by noon.
Leptospirosis	Serum	Refrigerated	MA	M-F	4 hours	Test for 6 serovars - canicola, grippotyphosa, hardjo, icterohemorrhagiae, pomona, and bratislava. Samples tested at 1:100, 1:200, 1:400, 1:800 dilutions.
	Kidney	Refrigerated	FA	M-F	2 hours	Same day result if sample is received by noon.
Porcine Parvovirus	Fetal tissues	Refrigerated	FA	M-F	2 hours	Same day result if sample is received by noon.
	Fetal serum or fetal fluid	Refrigerated	IFA	M-F	3 hours	Samples run at 1:10, 1:50, 1:250 dilutions. A single serum sample from the dam is of little value since the breeding herd is often seropositive.
Porcine Respiratory and Reproductive Syndrome (PRRS)	Serum	Refrigerated	IFA	M-F	3 hours	Sample is tested at 1:20 dilution.

TEST	SPECIMEN	SHIPPING CONDITION	TYPE OF TEST	DAYS SET UP	LAB TIME	SPECIAL COMMENTS
Pseudorabies			FA	M-F	1	Same day result if sample is received by noon.
r seudorables	Brain, lung, tonsil, kidney	Refrigerated	FA	M-F	2 hours	Same day result it sample is received by noon.
	Serum	Refrigerated	SN	M,Tu,W,F	48 hours	Samples must be clear, unhemolyzed serum that is poured off clot.
	Serum	Refrigerated	LA	Special request required	1 hour	Results are reported as positive or negative.
Rotavirus	Feces, intestine	Refrigerated	ELISA	M-F	3 hours	Same day result if sample is received by noon.
Swine Influenza	Nasal secretions, trachea, lung	Refrigerated	FA	M-F	2 hours	
	Serum	Refrigerated	IFA	M-F	3 hours	Samples are tested for IgG titers at 1:10, 1:50, 1:250 dilutions.
Transmissible	Intestine	Refrigerated	FA	M-F	2 hours	Same day result if sample is received by noon.
Gastroenteritis (TGE)	(jejunum, ileum)					
	Serum	Refrigerated	SN	M-F	6 days	Titers begin at 1:4, 1:8, 1:16, 1:32, 1:64, 1:128, 1:256
Ruminant						
Anaplasmosis	Serum	Refrigerated	CA	M-F	30 min.	Samples must be at least 48 hours old from time of collection to time test conducted. Time of collection must be written on submission form. Result is reported as positive or negative.
	Serum	Refrigerated	CF	Tuesday	24 hours	For export purposes. Advance notification (at least 1 week ahead) is required. Titers begin at 1:5.
Bluetongue	Serum	Refrigerated	AGID	M-F	24 hours	
Bovine Leukosis (BLV)	Serum	Refrigerated	AGID	M,Tu,W,F	48 hours	
Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus (BRSV)	Lung, bronchial lymph node	Refrigerated	FA	M-F	2 hours	Same day result if sample is received by noon.
	Serum	Refrigerated	IFA	M-F	3 hours	Samples run at 1:10 dilution. Same day result if sample is received by noon.
Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD)	Lung, intestine, turbinate, trachea, swabs from lesions, fetal organs	Refrigerated	FA	M-F	2 hours	Same day result if sample is received by noon.
	Serum	Refrigerated	SN	Tu,W,Th,F	6 days	Titers: 1:4, 1:8, 1:16, 1:32, 1:64, 1:128, 1:256

TEST	SPECIMEN	SHIPPING CONDITION	TYPE OF TEST	DAYS SET UP	LAB TIME	SPECIAL COMMENTS
Chlamydia	Lymph node, tissues of aborted fetus, joint fluid	Refrigerated	FA	M-F	2 hours	Specifically request chlamydia.
Clostridium	Gangrenous muscle, liver, lung	Refrigerated	FA	M-F	2 hours	Test for C. chauvoei, novyi, and septicum. Same day result if sample is received by noon.
Coronavirus	Intestine (spiral colon, ileum, and jejunum)	Refrigerated	FA	M-F	2 hours	Same day result if sample is received by noon.
E.coli Pilus	Small intestine	Refrigerated	IFA	M-F	3 hours	Test for K99 serotype. Same day result if sample is received by noon.
Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD)	Serum	Refrigerated	AGID	M-F	24 hours	
Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR)	Lung, trachea, turbinate, aborted fetal tissues	Refrigerated	FA	M-F	2 hours	Same day result if sample is received by noon.`
	Serum	Refrigerated	SN	Tu,W,Th,F	6 days	Titers: 1:4, 1:8, 1:16, 1:32, 1:64, 1:128, 1:256
Johne's Disease	Serum	Refrigerated	CF	Thursday	24 hours	Titers: 1:8 - Negative
(Mycobacterium						1:16 - Suspicious
paratuberculosis)						1:32 - Positive
Leptospirosis	Kidney	Refrigerated	FA	M-F	2 hours	Same day result if sample is received by noon.
	Serum	Refrigerated	MA	M-F	4 hours	Test for 6 serovars - canicola, grippotyphosa, hardjo, icterohemorrhagiae, pomona, and bratislava. Samples tested at 1:100, 1:200, 1:400, 1:800
Listeria	Serum	Refrigerated	CA	M-F	30 min.	Test for Type 1 and Type 4 serotypes. Screened at 1:20. Titers: 1:20, 1:40, 1:80, 1:160
Neospora caninum	Brain, lung, kidney, liver	Refrigerated	FA	M-F	2 hours	Same day result if sample is received by noon.
	Serum	Refrigerated	IFA	M-F	3 hours	Serum run at 1:400 dilution. Same day result if sample is received by noon.
Rotavirus	Feces, intestine (spiral colon, ileum, and jejunum)	Refrigerated	ELISA	M-F	3 hours	Same day result if sample is received by noon.

TOXICOLOGY

Test	Minimum Sample Required	Comments:				
Aflatoxin	1 lb. feed (grain)	No hay or sil	age			
Anticoagulant (screen)	5 ml serum, blood, plasma 10 g bait 25 g stomach contents 150 g liver		Warfarin, Bromadiolone, Difenacoum, and Brodifacoum Avoid submitting samples in medicine bottles Do not freeze sample			
Arsenic	10 g liver and kidney 10 ml urine 10 ml blood 10 g stomach contents 100 ml water 50 g soil 10 g feed	Liver or kidn	ey is the preferred sample from a dead animal.			
Brodifacoum	See Anticoagulant					
Bromadiolone	See Anticoagulant					
BUN	2 ml ocular fluid 2 ml serum or plasma					
Calcium	2 ml ocular fluid 2 ml serum					
Carbamate (Pesticide Screen)	10 g stomach contents 50 g rumen contents 10 g bait 1 lb. feed	Avoid submi	tting samples in medicine bottles. Avoid plastic containers. Glass is preferred.			
Copper	5 ml serum 10 g liver or kidney 1 lb. feed	Liver is prefe	erred over kidney.			

Test	Minimum Sample Required	Comments:
Cyanide	Plants with cyanogenetic potential i.e. sorghums, sudan grass, corn 1 lb. dry plants 5 lb. wet plants 50 g muscle (heart)	Samples should be quick frozen as soon as possible for shipment to the lab.
Dicumarol	Feeds containing sweet clover 5 lb. wet plants 1 lb. dry plants 10 -20 ml blood	
Difenacoum	See Anticoagulant	
Drug Screen *See end, for list of drugs included in screen.	10 - 20 ml serum, whole blood (plasma) 10 - 20 ml urine 10 g bait, pills 10 g stomach contents	Avoid submitting samples in medicine bottles. Urine is the preferred sample.
Ethylene glycol	5 ml urine 5 ml serum, plasma 10 g stomach contents 10 g bait	
Fumonisin	1 lb. feed	No hay or silage.
Gossypol, free	1 lb. feed containing cottonseed	
Iron	10 ml serum	
Lead	5 ml blood, (EDTA, heparin) 10 g liver and kidney 10 ml water 10 g stomach contents	Heparin is preferred. Submit both liver and kidney.
Magnesium	2 ml ocular fluid 2 ml serum	

Minimum Sample Required	Comments:
5 ml serum or plasma (per screen)	Submit serum samples in royal blue top vaccutainer tubes for trace metal analysis if zinc is included in screen.
10 g liver, kidney	
1 pt water	Call lab for details prior to testing.
1 lb. feed	
2 ml ocular fluid	
1 lb. dry forage	
5 lb. wet forage	
1 pt water	
1 lb. feed (grain)	No hay or silage.
10 g stomach contents 20 g rumen contents	Avoid submitting samples in medicine bottles. Avoid plastic containers. Glass is preferred.
10 g liver or fat 10 ml blood	
10 g stomach contents 20 g rumen contents	Avoid submitting samples in medicine bottles. Avoid plastic containers. Glass is preferred.
1 lb. feed	
1 lb. silage	
2 ml ocular fluid	
2 ml serum	
.5 ml serum	Should not be hemolyzed or lipemic.
	5 ml serum or plasma (per screen) 10 g liver, kidney 1 pt water 1 lb. feed 2 ml ocular fluid 1 lb. dry forage 5 lb. wet forage 1 pt water 1 lb. feed (grain) 10 g stomach contents 20 g rumen contents 10 g liver or fat 10 ml blood 10 g stomach contents 20 g rumen contents 1 lb. feed 1 lb. silage 2 ml ocular fluid 2 ml serum

Test	Minimum Sample Required	Comments:
Selenium	10 g liver or kidney 10 ml whole blood 10 ml serum	Whole blood is preferred over serum.
Sodium	2 ml ocular fluid 2 ml serum 2 ml urine 1 lb. feed	
Strychnine	10 g stomach contents 10 ml urine 5 ml serum 50 g kidney (more if available)	Avoid submitting samples in medicine bottles.
T-2	1 lb. feed (grain)	No hay or silage.
Urea	1 lb. feed	
Vomitoxin	1 lb. feed (grain)	No hay or silage.
Warfarin	See Anticoagulants.	
Zearalenone	1 lb. feed	No hay or silage.
Zinc	10 g liver or kidney 5 ml serum 10 g stomach contents 1 lb. feed 5 ml serum	Serum sample should be in Royal blue top vaccutainer tube for trace metal analysis.

*Drug Screen

Drug Screen A					Drug Screen B		
Acetaminophen	Cocaine	Meperidine	Morphine	Quinine	Amobarbital	Ethinamate	Phenytoin
Amitriptyline	Codeine	Methamphetamine	Nortiptyline	Strychnine	Aprobarbital	Glutethimide	Secobarbital
Amphetamine	Diazepam	Methadone	PCP	Trifluopromazine	Barbital	Pentobarbital	
Caffeine	Doxepin	Methaqualone	Propoxyphen	Trimeprazine	Butabarbital	Phenobarbital	
Chlorpromazine	_	-		_	Diazepam		

Call the lab if drug of interest is not listed.

10 gram of tissue is approximately equal in size to a golf ball.

VIROLOGY

- 1. Rabies: This lab does not do rabies examinations. Brain tissue from an animal suspected of having rabies must be submitted directly to the regional public health laboratory. Addresses of regional public health laboratories are on page 26.
- 2. Collect the specimens during the early stage of clinical diseases (the acute phase).
- 3. Collect swabs, feces, or tissue specimens as aseptically as possible.
- 4. Place the specimens individually in well labeled sterile test tube (swab) or whirl-pak bag.
- 5. Refrigerate or freeze the samples immediately after collection.
- 6. Do not let EDTA-blood freeze or be exposed to direct sunlight or high temperature prior to submitting for bovine viral diarrhea (BVD) virus isolation from buffy coat. Keep the EDTA-blood refrigerated.
- 7. Specimens should be sent to this lab as quickly as possible, preferably within 24-48 hours.
- 8. Ship refrigerated or frozen samples with sufficient cool-paks. Use leak proof insulated styrofoam containers or sturdy mailing cartons, which comply with postal or commercial carrier specifications, to ship the samples. Submit samples early in the week to avoid holding over weekend by the courier.
- 9. Brief information concerning history of disease, number, and age of animals affected, vaccination, etc. should accompany the samples.
- 10. When using "culturette" swabs, do not break the ampule as it may contain media which is inhibitory to some viruses.
- 11. Virus isolation is performed on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. It requires 7 to 14 days for completion.
- 12. Isolation of a microorganism does not confirm that it is the causative agent of the illness. Failure to isolate the suspected etiologic agent does not rule out the suspected disease.

VIROLOGY TEST CHART

TESTS	SPECIMEN	SHIPPING CONDITION	TYPE OF TEST	SPECIAL COMMENTS
Canine				
Canine Adenovirus	Lung, liver, kidney, spleen, lymph node	Refrigerated	VI	
Canine Calicivirus	Oropharyngeal swab, fecal swab, trachea, lung, kidney, intestine	Refrigerated	VI	
Canine Herpesvirus	Lung, liver, kidney, spleen, lymph node	Refrigerated	VI	
Canine Parvovirus	Small intestine, spleen, mesenteric lymph node	Refrigerated	VI	
Equine				
Equine Influenza	Lung, nasal swab	Refrigerated	VI	Specifically request influenza.
Equine Rhinopneumonitis Virus (ERV)	Lung, trachea, nasal swab, fetal organs	Refrigerated	VI	
Feline				
Feline Calicivirus	Oropharyngeal swab, nasal swab, lung, trachea	Refrigerated	VI	
Feline Herpesvirus (Feline Rhinotracheitis)	Nasal swab, tonsil, trachea, lung	Refrigerated	VI	
Feline Panleukopenia (Feline Distemper)	Small intestine, spleen, lymph node, fetal tissue	Refrigerated	VI	
<u>Porcine</u>				
Porcine Respiratory and Reproductive Syndrome (PRRS)	Lung, spleen, liver, tonsil, fetal tissues	Refrigerated	VI	
Porcine Parvovirus	Fetal tissues, spleen, lymph nodes	Refrigerated	VI	
Pseudorabies	Brain, tonsil, lung, spleen	Refrigerated	VI	
Swine Influenza	Lung, spleen, lymph node, nasal swab	Refrigerated	VI	Specifically request influenza.

TESTS	SPECIMEN	SHIPPING CONDITION	TYPE OF TEST	SPECIAL COMMENTS
Ruminant				
Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus (BRSV)	Lung, trachea	Refrigerated	VI	Specifically request BRSV isolation.
Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD) /Mucosal Disease	Buffy coat (EDTA blood), lung, intestine, spleen, fetal tissues	Refrigerated	VI	Please notify the laboratory regarding herd screening.
Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR)	Lung, trachea, fetal tissues	Refrigerated	VI	
Poxvirus	Skin lesion	Refrigerated	VI	

Key to abbreviations: VI - Virus isolation

OTHER SOURCES OF HELP IN TENNESSEE

State Veterinarian's Office Phone (615) 837-5120 Dr.Robert L. Hartin Tennessee Department of Public Health Dr. Gary L. Swinger, Epidemiology Phone (615) 741-2006 Phone (615) 781-5310 USDA-APHIS - Veterinary Services State/Federal Brucellosis Records Phone (615) 837-5120 (Brucellosis Results) College of Veterinary Medicine, U.T. Knoxville Phone (423) 974-8387 Rabies Laboratories (Specimen Mail, U.S. Postal Services) Tennessee Department of Health & Environment Phone (615) 262-6350 Laboratories Services 630 Ben Allen Rd. or (if mailing) P.O. Box 305130 Nashville, TN 37247 Nashville, TN 37230-5130 Jackson Branch Rabies Laboratory Phone (901) 423-6600 Tennessee Department of Health 295 Summar Avenue Jackson, TN 38302-0849 Johnson City Branch Rabies Laboratory Phone (423) 929-5960 Tennessee Department of Health 1233 Southwest Avenue Extension Johnson City, TN 37604 Knoxville Branch Rabies Laboratory (U.S. Postal) Phone (423) 549-5201 East Tennessee Regional Office 1522 Cherokee Trail P.O. Box 59019 Knoxville, TN 37950-9019 Memphis Branch Laboratory Phone (901) 576-7562 Memphis-Shelby County Health Department 814 Jefferson Avenue Memphis, TN 38105-5099

TENNESSEE POISON CONTROL CENTER

State Coordinator Tennessee Department of Public Health

Division of Emergency Services

Nashville, TN 37219

Chattanooga Poison Control Center

(615) 755-6100 T. C. Thompson Children's Hospital

910 Blackford Street 37403

Poison Control Center Columbia (615) 381-4500 Maury County Hospital

1224 Trotwood Ave., (Mt. Pleasant Pk.) 48401

Cookeville Poison Control Center (615) 526-4818 Cookeville General Hospital

142 W. 5th Street 38501

Poison Control Center Jackson (901) 424-0424 Madison General Hospital 708 W. Forest 38301

Johnson City Poison Control Center

Johnson City Memorial Medical Center (423) 461-6111

Boone & Fairview Avenue 37601

Knoxville Poison Control Center

(423) 971-3261 Memorial Research Center & Hospital

> University of Tennessee 1924 Alcoa Highway 37920

Poison Control Center Mid-South Memphis

(901) 528-6048 24 hr. - 7 days/week

LeBonheur Children's Hospital

848 Adams Avenue at Dunlap 38103

Nashville Poison Control Center

(615) 322-6435 Vanderbilt University Hospital

1211 22nd Avenue, South 37232

The Memphis Center is the only one in the state with 24-hour service and seven (7) days a

week --- Also has the most up-date equipment for the service

U. S. Regional Poison Control Center:

Atlanta Georgia Poison Control Center (404) 588-4400

Grady Memorial Hospital

80 Butler St., S.E. 30303

(800) 282-5846

(404) 525-3323

Reportable Diseases

The reporting of evidence of certain animal diseases is a requirement under Standards for Accreditation of Veterinarians in Tennessee and other states. Such reporting is also required by State law in Tennessee.

Most important, perhaps, is the veterinarians professional responsibility to report these diseases properly to insure that appropriate control measures may be instituted. Reportable diseases in general include all diseases for which control or eradication programs are in effect, and all foreign diseases (not known to exist in this country).

Reportable diseases currently include but are not limited to:

Avian

Fowl Plague

Fowl Typhoid

Pullorum Disease

Velogenic Viscerotropic Newcastle Disease

Bovine

Anthrax

Brucellosis

Rabies

Scabies (psoroptic)

Screwworms

Tuberculosis

Vesicular Diseases

Porcine

African Swine Fever

Anthrax Brucellosis

Hog Cholera

Pseudorabies

Rabies

Screwworms

Vesicular Diseases

Equine

Anthrax

Equine Infectious Anemia

Piroplasmosis

Rabies

Screwworms

Vesicular Diseases

Viral Encephalitis

Sheep & Goats

Anthrax

Bluetongue

Rabies

Scabies

Scrapie

Screwworms

Vesicular Diseases

Canine and Feline

Rabies

Suspected or known rabies infection should be reported to local public health authorities. Reporting should include telephone or written notice to the State Veterinarian's office and submission of samples to the appropriate laboratory.

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

C. E. KORD ANIMAL DISEASE LABORATORY, DIVISION OF REGULATORY SERVICES

SUBMISSION QUESTIONNAIRE

(Use other side for biopsy submission)

CLINIC VETERINARIAN STREET			DateOWNERSTREET							
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						COUNTY	CO.	#	COUNTY	CO.#
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SPECIES: avian bovine	e canine equine feline	porcine other_	BREED:							
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SPECIMEN(s) SUBMI	TTED:									
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EXAM REQUESTED:	Necropsy Histopathole	ogy Cytology C	Culture Sensitivity FA Sen	ology Toxicology Virology						
TEST FOR:										
Duration of Illness										
Vaccination Status: Nor		nown								
Vaccinated for:Number of Animals in C										
Number of Animals in C	110up 110. sick	_ 140. dead								
HISTORY: (Clinical si	gns, management practi	ces, ration, his	tory of disease, etc.)							
Telephone #615-837	-5125		Fax #615-	837-5250						
U. S. Postal Service	Address:		Overnight	Delivery Address:						
C. E. Kord Animal Disea			O	Animal Disease Laboratory						
P. O. Box 40627 Melro	•			gricultural Center						
Nashville, TN 37204-06	27		440 Hogan F	Rd.						
<u>Need Forms</u> (?) Yes No			Nashville, TN 37220							

CLINIC		Date		
VETERINARIAN		OWNER		
STREET		STREET		
CITY	ST_ZIP	CITYSTZIP		
COUNTY	CO.#	CO.#	_	
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